

from appointing an additional judge, now authorized by the law creating this court, for the reason that I did not believe it was necessary to do so.

The act which provides for an increase in the number of judges in this court for certain increases in the population of the city of Philadelphia still remains upon our statute books, the Legislature having made no change in this provision of the law. Therefore, under this existing law, an additional judge will have to be elected at the coming municipal election.

The present act is presumed to clarify the law, and to assure the legal nomination and election of such a judge. It does not provide for any increase in salary nor for any change in the power or authority of the court, and I am approving it for the reason that if an additional judge is to be nominated and elected, there should be no doubt as to the legality of his tenure. Otherwise, great confusion might result.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 428.

AN ACT

To designate the several judicial districts of the Commonwealth as required by the Constitution, and to provide for the election and commissioning of judges, learned in the law, for the said districts.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the judicial districts of the Commonwealth shall be numbered, composed, designated, and shall each have the number of judges, respectively, as follows:

Judicial apportionment.

The first district shall be composed of the city and county of Philadelphia, and shall have fifteen judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and five judges, learned in the law, in the orphans' court, and such judges of the municipal court as now or may hereafter be provided by law.

First district.

The second district, of the county of Lancaster, and shall have two judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.

Second district.

The third district, of the county of Northampton, and shall have three judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas.

Third district.

The fourth district, of the county of Tioga, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Fourth district.

The fifth district, of the county of Allegheny, and shall have fourteen judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and three judges, learned in the law, in the orphans' court, and such judges of the county court as now or may hereafter be provided by law.

Fifth district.

- Sixth district.** The sixth district, of the county of Erie, and shall have two judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.
- Seventh district.** The seventh district, of the county of Bucks, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Eighth district.** The eighth district, of the county of Northumberland, and shall have two judges, learned in the law.
- Ninth district.** The ninth district, of the county of Cumberland, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Tenth district.** The tenth district, of the county of Westmoreland, and shall have three judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.
- Eleventh district.** The eleventh district, of the county of Luzerne, and shall have five judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.
- Twelfth district.** The twelfth district, of the county of Dauphin, and shall have three judges, learned in the law.
- Thirteenth district.** The thirteenth district, of the county of Greene, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Fourteenth district.** The fourteenth district, of the county of Fayette, and shall have two judges, learned in the law, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.
- Fifteenth district.** The fifteenth district, of the county of Chester, and shall have two judges, learned in the law.
- Sixteenth district.** The sixteenth district, of the county of Somerset, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Seventeenth district.** The seventeenth district, of the counties of Union and Snyder, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Eighteenth district.** The eighteenth district, of the county of Clarion, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Nineteenth district.** The nineteenth district, of the county of York, and shall have two judges, learned in the law.
- Twentieth district.** The twentieth district, of the counties of Huntingdon, Bedford, and Mifflin, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Twenty-first district.** The twenty-first district, of the county of Schuylkill, and shall have three judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.
- Twenty-second district.** The twenty-second district, of the county of Wayne, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Twenty-third district.** The twenty-third district, of the county of Berks, and shall have two judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.
- Twenty-fourth district.** The twenty-fourth district, of the county of Blair, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Twenty-fifth district.** The twenty-fifth district, of the counties of Cameron, Clinton, and Elk, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

The twenty-sixth district, of the county of Columbia, and shall have one judge, learned in the law. The county of Montour shall be attached to this district.

Twenty-sixth district.

The twenty-seventh district, of the county of Washington, and shall have two judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.

Twenty-seventh district.

The twenty-eighth district, of the county of Venango, and shall have one judge, learned in the law,

Twenty-eighth district.

The twenty-ninth district, of the county of Lycoming, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Twenty-ninth district.

The thirtieth district, of the county of Crawford, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Thirtieth district.

The thirty-first district, of the county of Lehigh, and shall have two judges, learned in the law.

Thirty-first district.

The thirty-second district, of the county of Delaware, and shall have two judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.

Thirty-second district.

The thirty-third district, of the county of Armstrong, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Thirty-third district.

The thirty-fourth district, of the county of Susquehanna, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Thirty-fourth district.

The thirty-fifth district, of the county of Mercer, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Thirty-fifth district.

The thirty-sixth district, of the county of Beaver, and shall have two judges, learned in the law.

Thirty-sixth district.

The thirty-seventh district, of the county of Warren, and shall have one judge, learned in the law. The county of Forest shall be attached to this district.

Thirty-seventh district.

The thirty-eighth district, of the county of Montgomery, and shall have two judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.

Thirty-eighth district.

The thirty-ninth district, of the county of Franklin, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Thirty-ninth district.

The fortieth district, of the county of Indiana, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Fortieth district.

The forty-first district, of the counties of Juniata and Perry, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Forty-first district.

The forty-second district, of the county of Bradford, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Forty-second district.

The forty-third district, of the counties of Monroe and Pike, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Forty-third district.

The forty-fourth district, of the counties of Wyoming and Sullivan, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Forty-fourth district.

The forty-fifth district, of the county of Lackawanna, and shall have three judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.

Forty-fifth district.

- Forty-sixth district.** The forty-sixth district, of the county of Clearfield, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Forty-seventh district.** The forty-seventh district, of the county of Cambria, and shall have two judges, learned in the law, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.
- Forty-eighth district.** The forty-eighth district, of the county of McKean, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Forty-ninth district.** The forty-ninth district, of the county of Centre, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Fiftieth district.** The fiftieth district, of the county of Butler, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Fifty-first district.** The fifty-first district, of the counties of Adams and Fulton, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Fifty-second district.** The fifty-second district, of the county of Lebanon, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Fifty-third district.** The fifty-third district, of the county of Lawrence, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Fifty-fourth district.** The fifty-fourth district, of the county of Jefferson, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Fifty-fifth district.** The fifty-fifth district, of the county of Potter, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Fifty-sixth district.** The fifty-sixth district, of the county of Carbon, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.
- Vote of county attached to district.** And in all cases where a county is or shall be attached to a contiguous district, the qualified voters of said county shall be entitled to vote for the judge or judges.
- Nomination of judges.** Section 2. The nomination of judges which the qualified electors of any county are entitled to elect of themselves, unconnected with any other county or district, shall be made, held, and conducted, and the returns of votes cast at primary elections for the nomination of such judges shall be made, computed, canvassed, and certified, as now or may be hereafter provided by law.
- Returns of votes cast at elections.** Section 3. Returns of votes cast in all such counties at the municipal elections for all judges shall be made out by the prothonotary of the court of common pleas of such county, under direction of said court or of the judge or person or persons authorized by law to receive and compute returns in such counties, at its, his, or their meeting to receive and compute the returns of the preceding municipal election. Such returns shall be properly attested by the seal of said court. One of such returns shall be filed and entered in the office of the prothonotary of such court. Another of such returns such prothonotary shall enclose in a sealed envelope, and direct and immediately mail to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. It shall also be the duty of the prothonotary to deliver a copy of such return to each person elected judge at such municipal election.
- Election in districts composed of two or more counties.** Section 4. In case of the election of a judge or judges in any judicial district composed of two or more counties, or of a single county to which one or more

counties is or are attached, as provided by this act, on the day of the sitting of the court or of the judge, person or persons authorized by law to receive and compute returns in each of such counties, the prothonotary of the court of common pleas shall open, and, in its, his, or their presence, shall make out a return of all votes cast at the preceding municipal election, within each county, for every person voted for as judge. Such return shall be properly attested by the seal of said court. The court or judge or person or persons receiving and computing returns shall thereupon appoint one of the judges of election in said county to take charge of such return and produce the same at a meeting of the judges so appointed in each of the counties comprising said district.

Duty of
prothonotary.

Judges of
election.

Section 5. In all judicial districts composed of two or more counties, the county commissioners of each county shall appoint one of the judges of elections of such county to take charge of the returns of all votes cast at any primary election in said county for any candidate or candidates for the nomination of judge of the courts of said district.

Section 6. In all judicial districts composed of two or more counties, the persons appointed as return judges to compute the vote cast at any municipal or primary election for any judges of the courts of such districts shall meet and cast up the several returns of the counties composing the district on the Tuesday next following the day on which the official computation of the county returns in all of such counties shall have been completed. Such meetings shall be held at the courthouse of one of the counties, taking said counties alternately in alphabetical order.

Meetings of
return judges.

Section 7. The return judges, having met and cast up the votes of their respective districts, shall execute, under their hands and seals, a general and true return of the whole district, which, in case such return is of a municipal election, shall be deposited with the prothonotary of the county wherein the return is executed, or, in case the return is of a primary election, with the county commissioners of such county. Immediately upon the receipt of such return, the prothonotary or county commissioners, as the case may be, shall make copies of such return, and shall transmit one copy thereof, properly certified, to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the other copy or copies, also certified, to the person or persons receiving the highest number of votes cast at the preceding municipal or primary election for the office or offices for which the election was held or the nominations were made in the district.

Copies of
general return.

Section 8. Every return judge shall receive, out of the treasury of his proper county, the sum of ten dollars for each day actually employed in computing such

Compensation of
return judges.

vote, and, in addition thereto, shall receive ten cents for every mile necessarily traveled in going to and from the place of meeting.

Election of
judges.

Section 9. In all judicial districts, at the municipal election next preceding the expiration of the term of any judge now or hereafter commissioned, the qualified electors of any county or counties composing such district shall elect a successor to such judge to serve as provided by law.

President judge.

Section 10. In all districts in which, by the provisions of this act, two or more judges are provided, one of said judges shall be the president judge of said district, and the other or others shall be the additional law judge or judges thereof. The judge of said districts whose commission shall first expire shall be the president judge thereof, except when the president judge has been or shall be reelected, in which case he shall continue to be president judge. The said additional law judge or judges shall possess the same qualifications which are required by the Constitution and laws for the president judge of said district, and shall hold his or their office for a like term and by the same tenure, and shall have the same powers, authority, and jurisdiction, and shall be subject to the same duties, restrictions, and penalties, as the president judge of said district.

Additional
law judges.

In case of
division or trans-
fer of districts.

Section 11. In all cases where, by the provisions of this act, a district heretofore consisting of more than one county is divided into two or more districts, and in all cases in which counties are transferred from one district to another, the judge now in office shall continue to serve until the expiration of his term of office as judge of the district which, by this act, is given the same number as that of the district in which the said judge has heretofore served. At the municipal election next preceding the expiration of the term of office of any such judge, the electors of the county or counties composing such district shall elect a judge to serve as provided by law.

Additional law
or orphans'
court judge
created by this
act.

Section 12. In all districts in which the office of additional law judge or the office of orphans' court judge is created by the provisions of this act, the Governor shall appoint a person, learned in the law and otherwise legally qualified, and commission him as additional law judge or orphans' court judge of such district, as the case may be, to serve until the first Monday of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

Acts repealed.

Section 13. The act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred sixty-nine), entitled "An act to designate the several judicial districts of the Commonwealth as required by the Constitution, and to provide

Act of July 18,
1901 (P. L. 689).

for the election, appointment, and commissioning of judges, learned in the law, for the said districts in cases where such judges are not provided for by existing law"; the act, approved the twenty-third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and one (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred ninety-two), entitled "An act to provide for an additional law judge of the several courts of the Eighth Judicial District"; the act, approved the eleventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred fifty-five), entitled "An act to provide for an additional law judge of the several courts of the Eleventh Judicial District"; the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and seven (Pamphlet Laws, four), entitled "An act to provide for an additional law judge of the several courts of the Thirty-second Judicial District"; the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, twenty-five), entitled "An act to provide for an additional law judge of the several courts of the Sixth Judicial District"; the act, approved the fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, forty), entitled "An act to provide for an additional law judge of the several courts of the Forty-seventh Judicial District"; the act, approved the twenty-first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred seventy-two), entitled "An act to provide for an additional law judge of the several courts of Eleventh Judicial District"; the act, approved the fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred ninety-eight), entitled "An act to amend section one of an act, entitled 'An act to designate the several judicial districts of the Commonwealth as required by the Constitution, and to provide for the election, appointment, and commissioning of judges learned in the law for the said districts in cases where such judges are not provided for by existing law,' approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and one, by designating the counties of Cameron and Elk as the twenty-fifth district, and attaching the county of Clinton to the fifty-fifth district"; the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, ninety-five), entitled "An act to designate the several judicial districts of the Commonwealth as required by the Constitution, and to provide for the election and commissioning of judges learned in the law for the said districts,"—are hereby repealed absolutely. The act, approved the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred fifty-eight), entitled "An act fixing the time of meeting

Act of May 23,
1901 (P. L. 292).

Act of July 11,
1901 (P. L. 655).

Act of February
28, 1907 (P. L. 4).

Act of March 24,
1911 (P. L. 25).

Act of April 4,
1913 (P. L. 40).

Act of July 21,
1913 (P. L. 372).

Act of May 14,
1915 (P. L. 498).

Act of April 24,
1917 (P. L. 95).

Acts partially
repealed.

Act of June 12,
1919 (P. L. 458).

of the return judges in the several congressional, senatorial, representative, and judicial districts, composed of two or more counties or parts of two or more counties; prescribing the manner of making and certifying the consolidated returns; imposing certain duties on prothonotaries and county commissioners; and fixing the compensation of such return judges"; and the act, approved the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred sixty), entitled "An act authorizing county commissioners to appoint return judges to cast up primary election returns in congressional, senatorial, and judicial districts,"—are hereby repealed in so far as they relate to judicial districts. All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Act of June 12,
1919 (P. L. 460).

Repeal.

Act of May 5,
1911 (P. L. 198),
not repealed.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal any of the provisions of an act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, entitled "An act to establish a county court for the county of Allegheny, and prescribing its powers and duties; regulating the procedure therein, and providing for the expenses thereof," or the amendments thereto; nor to repeal any of the provisions of an act, approved the twelfth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, entitled "An act establishing a court for the county of Philadelphia; prescribing its jurisdiction and powers; providing for the service of its writs, process, or warrants by the proper officers of the county or city of Philadelphia; regulating the procedure therein, and appeals therefrom, and providing for the expenses thereof," or the amendments thereto.

Act of June 12,
1913 (P. L. 711),
not repealed.

APPROVED—The 25th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 429.

AN ACT

To amend section two of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (Pamphlet Laws, thirty), entitled "An act granting an annuity to William W. Snowden, of Elizabeth, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, late a private in Company I, Fourteenth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania."

William W.
Snowden.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of an act, approved the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (Pamphlet Laws, thirty), entitled "An act granting an annuity to William W. Snowden, of Elizabeth, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, late a private in Company I, Fourteenth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania," which reads as follows:—